APPENDIX A DEFINITIONS

BEST TRACK - A subjectively smoothed path, versus a precise and very erratic fix-to-fix path, used to represent tropical cyclone movement, and based on an assessment of all available data.

BINARY INTERACTION - Binary interaction is a mutual cyclonic orbit of two tropical cyclones around their centroid. Lander and Holland (1993) showed that the behavior of most binary tropical cyclones consists of an approach, sudden capture, then a period of steady cyclonic orbit followed by a sudden escape or (less frequently) a merger (see Figure A-1).

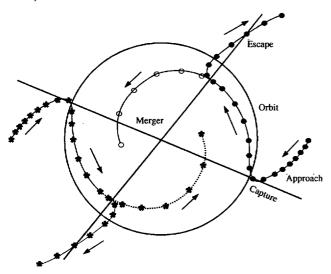


Figure A-1 Model of binary interation of two tropical cyclones that contain the major elements of approach and capture, followed by mutual orbit, then escape, or merger.

CENTER - The vertical axis or core of a tropical cyclone. Usually determined by cloud vorticity patterns, wind and/or pressure distribution.

EPHEMERIS - Position of a body (satellite) in space as a function of time; used for gridding satellite imagery. Since ephemeris gridding is based solely on the predicted position of the

satellite, it is susceptible to errors from vehicle wobble, orbital eccentricity, the oblateness of the Earth, and variation in vehicle speed.

EXPLOSIVE DEEPENING - A decrease in the minimum sea-level pressure of a tropical cyclone of 2.5 mb/hr for at least 12 hours or 5 mb/hr for at least six hours (Dunnavan, 1981).

EXTRATROPICAL - A term used in warnings and tropical summaries to indicate that a cyclone has lost its "tropical" characteristics. The term implies both poleward displacement from the tropics and the conversion of the cyclone's primary energy source from the release of latent heat of condensation to baroclinic processes. It is important to note that cyclones can become extratropical and still maintain winds of typhoon or storm force.

EYE - The central area of a tropical cyclone when it is more than half surrounded by wall cloud.

INTENSITY - The maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface wind speed, typically within one degree of the center of a tropical cyclone.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND - The highest surface wind speed averaged over a 1-minute period of time. (Peak gusts over water average 20 to 25 percent higher than sustained winds).

MEI-YU FRONT - The Term "mei-yu" is the Chinese expression for "plum rains". The mei-yu front is a persistant east-west zone of disturbed weather during spring which is quasi-stationary and stretches from the east China coast, across Taiwan, and eastward into the Pacific south of Japan.

MONSOON DEPRESSION - A tropical cyclonic vortex characterized by: 1) its large size, the outer-most closed isobar may have a diameter on the order of 600 nm (1000 km); 2) a loosely organized cluster of deep convective elements; 3) a low-level wind distribution which features a 100-nm (200-km) diameter light-wind core which may be partially surrounded by a band of gales; and, 4) a lack of a distinct cloud system center. Note: most monsoon depressions which form in the western North Pacific eventually acquire persistent central convection and accelerated core winds marking its transition into a conventional tropical cyclone.

MONSOON GYRE - A mode of the summer monsoon circulation of the western North Pacific characterized by: 1) a very large nearly circular low-level cyclonic vortex that has an outer-most closed isobar with diameter on the order of 1200 nm (2500 km); 2) a cloud band rimming the southern through eastern periphery of the vortex/surface low; 3) a relatively long (two week) life span - initially, a subsident regime exists in its core and western and northwestern quadrants with light winds and scattered low cumulus clouds; later, the area within the outer closed isobar may fill with deep convective cloud and become a monsoon depression or tropical cyclone; and, 4) the large vortex cannot be the result of the expanding wind field of a preexisting monsoon depression or tropical cyclone. Note: a series of small or very small tropical cyclones may emerge from the "head" or leading edge of the peripheral cloud band of a monsoon gyre (JTWC, 1993; Lander, 1994a).

RAPID DEEPENING - A decrease in the minimum sea-level pressure of a tropical cyclone of 1.75 mb/hr or 42 mb for 24-hours (Holliday and Thompson, 1979).

RECURVATURE - The turning of a tropical cyclone from an initial path toward the west and poleward to east and poleward, after moving

poleward of the mid-tropospheric subtropical ridge axis.

REVERSE-ORIENTED MONSOON TROUGH - The distinguishing characteristics of a reverse-oriented monsoon trough are a SW-NE (i.e., reverse) orientation of the trough axis with respect to the normal NW-SE orientation of the trough axis, and the penetration of the trough axis into subtropical areas normally the province of easterly flow.

SIGNIFICANT TROPICAL CYCLONE - A tropical cyclone becomes "significant" with the issuance of the first numbered warning by the responsible warning agency.

SIZE - The areal extent of a tropical cyclone, usually measured radially outward from the center to the outer-most closed isobar. Based on an average radius of the outer-most closed isobar, size categories in degrees of latitude follow: $< 2^{\circ} = \text{very small}$, 2° to $3^{\circ} = \text{small}$, 3° to $6^{\circ} = \text{medium (average)}$, 6° to $8^{\circ} = \text{large}$, and 8° or greater = very large (Brand, 1972 and a modification of Merrill, 1982).

STRENGTH - The average wind speed of the surrounding low-level wind flow, usually measured within one to three degrees of the center of a tropical cyclone (Weatherford and Gray, 1985).

SUBTROPICAL CYCLONE - A low pressure system that forms over the ocean in the subtropics and has some characteristics of a tropical circulation, but not a central dense overcast. Although of upper cold low or low-level baroclinic origins, the system can transition to a tropical cyclone.

SUPER TYPHOON - A typhoon with maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface winds of 130 kt (67 m/sec) or greater.

TROPICAL CYCLONE - A non-frontal, migratory low-pressure system, usually of synoptic scale, originating over tropical or subtropical waters and having a definite organized circulation.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface winds of 33 kt (17 m/sec) or less.

TROPICAL DISTURBANCE - A discrete system of apparently organized convection, generally 100 to 300 nm (185 to 555 km) in diameter, originating in the tropics or subtropics, having a non-frontal, migratory character and having maintained its identity for 12- to 24-hours. The system may or may not be associated with a detectable perturbation of the low-level wind or pressure field. It is the basic generic designation which, in successive stages of development, may be classified as a tropical depression, tropical storm, typhoon or super typhoon.

TROPICAL STORM - A tropical cyclone with maximum 1-minute mean sustained surface winds in the range of 34 to 63 kt (18 to 32 m/sec), inclusive.

TROPICAL UPPER-TROPOSPHERIC TROUGH (TUTT) - A dominant climatological system and a daily upper-level synoptic feature of the summer season, over the tropical North Atlantic, North Pacific and South Pacific Oceans (Sadler, 1979). Cold core lows in the TUTT are referred to as cells, or TUTT cells.

TYPHOON (HURRICANE) - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained 1-minute mean surface winds of 64 to 129 kt (33 to 66 m/sec). West of 180° E longitude they are called typhoons and east of 180° E longitude hurricanes.

WALL CLOUD - An organized band of deep cumuliform clouds that immediately surrounds the central area of a tropical cyclone. The wall cloud may entirely enclose or partially surround the center.

WESTERLY WIND BURST - A short-duration low-level westerly wind event along and near the equator in the western Pacific Ocean (and sometimes in the Indian Ocean) (Luther et al. 1983). Typically, a westerly wind burst (WWB) lasts several days and has westerly winds of at least 10 kt (5 m/sec) (Keen 1988). Most WWBs occur during the monsoon transition months of April-May, and November-December. They show some relationship to the ENSO phenomenon (Luther et al. 1983; Ramage 1986). Some WWBs are even more energetic, with wind speeds of 30 kt (15 m/sec) observed during well-developed systems. These intense WWBs are associated with a large cluster of deep-convective cloud along the equator. An intense WWB is a necessary precursor to the formation of tropical cyclone twins symmetrical with respect to the equator (Keen 1982; Lander 1990).

APPENDIX B

NAMES FOR TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN AND SOUTH CHINA SEA

Column 1		Column 2		Column 3		Column 4	
ANN	AN	ABEL	A-bel	AMBER	AM-ber	ALEX	AL-x
BART	BART	BETH	BETH	BING	BING	BABS	BABS
CAM	KAM	CARLO	KAR-lo	CASS	KASS	CHIP	CHIP
DAN	DAN	DALE	DAY-l	DAVID	DAY-vid	DAWN	DAWN
EVE	EEV	ERNIE	ER-nee	ELLA	EL-la	ELVIS	EL-vis
FRANKIE	FRANK-ee	FERN	FERN	FRITZ	FRITZ	FAITH	FAITH
GLORIA	GLOR-ee-uh	GREG	GREG	GINGER	JIN-jer	GIL	GIL
HERB	HERB	HANNAH	HAN-nah	HANK	HANGK	HILDA	HIL-dah
IAN	EE-an	ISA	EE-sah	IVAN	I-van	IRIS	I-ris
JOY	JOY	JIMMY	JIM-ee	JOAN	JONE	JACOB	JAY-kob
KIRK	KIRK	KELLY	KEL-lee	KEITH	KEETH	KATE	KATE
LISA	LEE-sah	LEVI	LEEV-eye	LINDA	LIN-dah	LEO	LEE-o
MARTY	MAR-tee	MARIE	mah-REE	MORT	MORT	MAGGIE	MAG-gee
NIKI	NI-kee	NESTOR	NES-tor	NICHOLE	nik-KOL	NEIL	NEEL
ORSON	OR-son	OPAL	O-pel	OTTO	OT-tow	OLGA	OL-gah
PIPER	PI-per	PETER	PEE-ter	PENNY	PEN-nee	PAUL	PAUL
RICK	RICK	ROSIE	RO-zee	REX	REX	RACHEL	RAY-chel
SALLY	SAL-lee	SCOTT	SKOT	STELLA	STEL-lah	SAM	SAM
TOM	TOM	TINA	TEE-nah	TODD	TOD	TANYA	TAHN-yah
VIOLET	VI-uh-let	VICTOR	vik-TOR	VICKI	VIK-kee	VIRGIL	VER-jil
WILLIE	WIL-lee	WINNIE	WIN-nee	WALDO	WAL-do	WENDY	WEN-dee
YATES	YATES	YULE	YOU-le	YANNI	YAN-ni	YORK	YORK
ZANE	ZANE	ZITA	ZEE-tah	ZEB	ZEB	ZIA	ZEE-uh

NOTE 1: Assign names in rotation, alphabetically, starting with (ANN) for first tropical cyclone of 1996. When the last name in Column 4 (ZIA) has been used, the sequence will begin again with the first name in Column 1 (ANN).

NOTE 2: Pronunciation guide for names is italicized.

SOURCE: CINCPACINST 3140.1W

APPENDIX C CONTRACTIONS

AB	Air Base	ATCF	Automated Tropical Cyclone Forecast	СРА	Closest Point of Approach	
ABW	Air Base Wing		(system)	CDIIC		
ABIO	Significant Tropical Weather Advisory for the Indian Ocean	ATCR	Annual Tropical Cyclone Report	CPHC CSC	Central Pacific Hurricane Center Cloud System Center	
ABPW	Significant Tropical Weather Advisory for	AUTODIN	Automated Digital Network	CSUM	Colorado State University Model	
	the Western Pacific Ocean	AWDS	Automated Weather Distribution System	DAVE	Name of a Hybrid Aid	
ACCS	Air Control Center	AWN	Automated Weather Network	DD DDN	Digital Dvorak Defense Data Network	
	Squadron			DDN	Defense Data Network	
ACFT	Aircraft	BLND	Blended (Hybrid Aid)	DEG	Degree(s)	
ADP	Automated Data Processing	CDO	Central Dense Overcast	DFS	Digital Facsimile System	
AFB	Air Force Base	CI	Current Intensity	DISN	Defense Information	
		CIMSS	Cooperative Institue for		Systems Network	
AFDIS	Air Force Dial-In System		Meterological Satellite Studies	DMS	Defense Messaging System	
AFGWC	Air Force Global Weather Central	CIV	Civilian	DMSP	Defense Meteorological	
AIREP	Aircraft (Weather)	CLD	Cloud		Satellite Program	
AIREI	Report	CLIM	Climatology	DOD	Department of Defense	
AJTWC	Alternate Joint Typhoon Warning Center	CLIP or CLIPER	Climatology and Persistence Technique	DSN	Defense Switched Network	
AMOS	Automatic Meteorological	CM	Centimeter(s)	DTG	Date Time Group	
	Observing Station	C-MAN	Coastal-Marine Automated Network	EGRR	Bracknell Model	
AOR	Area of Responsibility	CMOD	Compact Meteorological	ENSO	El Niño-Southern Oscillation	
ARC	Automated Remote Collection (system)		and Oceanographic Drifter	ERS	European Space Agency (ESA) Remote Sensing	
ARGOS	(International Service	COMNAVMETOCCOM or CNMOC Commander			Satellite	
	for Drifting Buoys)		Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Comm-	FBAM	FNOC Beta and Advection Model	
ARQ	Automatic Response to Query		and	FI	Forecast Intensity (Dvorak)	

FLENUME	TOCCEN Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography	JTWC92 or JT92	Statistical-Dynamical Objective Technique	MSLP	Minimum Sea-level Pressure
	Center	JTYM	Japanese Typhoon Model	NARDAC	Naval Regional Data Automation Center
FT	Foot/Feet				
FTP	File Transfer Protocol	KM KT	Kilometer(s)	NAS	Naval Air Station
GCA	Great Circle Arc		Knot(s)	NASA	National Aeronautics and Space
GMS	Geostationary Meteorological Satellite	LAN LAT	Local Area Network Latitude	NI A SVID A CINA	Administration
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time	LLCC	Low-Level Circulation Center	NAVPACM	ETOCCEN Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center (Hawaii)
GOES	Geostationary	LONG	Longitude		(III Wall)
	Operational Environmental Satellite	LUT	Local User Terminal	NAVPACM	ETOCCEN WEST Naval Pacific
GSRS	Geostationary Satellite Receiving System	LVL	Level		Meteorology and Oceanography Center (Guam)
		M	Meter(s)		(Guaiii)
GTS	Global Telecommunications System	MAX	Maximum	NCEP	National Centers for Environmental Prediction
hPa	Hectopascal	MB MBAM	Millibar(s) Medium Beta and	NEDN	Naval Environmental
НРАС	Mean of XTRP and CLIM Techniques (Half		Advection Model		Data Network
	Persistence and Climatology)	MCAS	Marine Corps Air Station	NESDIS	National Environmental Satellite, Data, and information Service
HF	High Frequency	MCS	Mesoscale Convective System	NESN	Naval Environmental
HR	Hour(s)				Satellite Network
HRPT	High Resolution Picture Transmission	MET MIDDAS	Meteorological Meteorological	NEXRAD	Next Generation (Doppler Weather)
ICAO	International Civil	WILDER	Imagery, Data Display, and Analysis System		Radar
	Aviation Organization	MIN	Minimum	NHC	National Hurricane Center
INIT	Initial			NIPRNET	Non coours Internat
INST	Instruction	MINI-MET MISTIC	Mini-Meteorological Mission Sensor Tootical	NIFKNEI	Non-secure Internet Protocol Router Network
IP	Internet Protocol	MISTIC	Mission Sensor Tactical Imaging Computer	NM	Nautical Mile(s)
IR	Infrared	MM	Millimeter(s)	NMC	National Meteorological
JTWC	Joint Typhoon Warning Center	MOVG	Moving		Center

NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	OLS	Operational Linescan System	SIPRNET	Secret Internet Protocol Router Network	
NODDEC		ONR	Office of Naval	SLP	Sea-Level Pressure	
NODDES Naval Environmental Data Network Oceanographic Data Distribution and Expansion System		oss	Research Operations Support Squadron	SPAWRSYSCOM Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command		
		OSB	Ocean Sciences Branch	SSM/I	Special Sensor Microwave/Imager	
NOGAPS or NGPS	Navy Operational Global Atmospheric Prediction System	OTCM PACAF	One-Way (Interactive) Tropical Cyclone Model Pacific Air Force	SST	Sea Surface Temperature	
NODDC	Nevel Occasion arounds	PACMEDS	PacificMeteorological	ST	Subtropical	
NODDS	Naval Oceanography Data Distribution		Data System	STNRY	Stationary	
	Systems	PACOM	Pacific Command	STR	Subtropical Ridge	
NPS	Naval Postgraduate School	PAGASA	Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical	STRT	Straight (Forecast Aid)	
NR	Number		Astronomical Services Administation	STY	Super Typhoon	
NRL	Naval Research Laboratory	PC	Personal Computer	TAPT	Typhoon Acceleration Prediction Technique	
NRL-MRY	Naval Research Laboratory at Monterey, CA Navy Operational Regional Atmospheric Prediction System	PCN	Position Code Number	TC	Tropical Cyclone	
		PDN	Public Data Network	TCFA	Tropical Cyclone	
NRPS or		PIREP	Pilot Weather Report(s)		Formation Alert	
NORAPS		RADOB	Radar Observation	TD	Tropical Depression	
NSCAT	NASA Scatterometer	RECON	Reconnaissance	TDA	Typhoon Duty Assistant	
NSDS-G	Naval Satellite Display	RECR	Recurve (Forecast Aid)	TDO	Typhoon Duty Officer	
1,020 0	System - Geostationary	RMSE	Root mean Square Error	TELEFAX	Telephone Facsimile	
NTWP	Naval Telecommunications	ROCI	Radius of outer-most closed isobar	TESS	Tactical Environmental Support System	
	Area Master Station, Western Pacific	SAT	Satellite	TIFF	Tagged Image File Format	
SIPRNET	Secret Internet Protocol Router Network	SEC	Second(s)	TIROS-N	Television Infrared Observational Satellite-	
NWP	Northwest Pacific	SDHS	Satellite Data Handling System		Next Generation	
NWS	National Weather Service	SFC	Surface	TOGA	Tropical Ocean Global Atmosphere	
OBS	Observations	SGDB	Satellite Global Data Base	TOVS	TIROS Operational Vertical Sounder	
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TS	Tropical Storm	USN	United States Navy	WSR-88D	Weather surveillance Radar - 1988 Doppler
TUTT	Tropical Upper- Tropospheric Trough	VIS	Visual	WVTW	Water Vapor Tracked
TY	Typhoon	WAN	Wide Area Network		Winds
TYAN	Typhoon Analog	WESTPAC	Western (North) Pacific	www	World Wide Web
	(Forecast Aid)	WGTD	Weighted (Hybrid Aid)	XTRP	Extrapolation
ULCC	Upper-Level Circulation Center	WMO	World Meteorological Organization	Z	Zulu time (Greenwich Mean
US	United States	WNP	Western North Pacific		Time/Universal Coordinated Time)
USAF	United States Air Force	WRN or WRNG	Warning(s)		
USCINCPA	C Commander-in-Chief Pacific (AF - Air Force, FLT - Fleet)	WSD	Wind Speed and Direction		

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